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Holiday Reminders

On-Call Plus

Remember to schedule a free On-Call Plus clean up appointment soon. There will be no appointments during holiday tree collection from December 24, 2008 through January 23, 2009. However, vouchers to the SMaRT Station will still be available. Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034 for more information.

Collection Schedule

There is no garbage or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Year's Day. If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week with Friday collection on Saturday.



Watch It! Don't Junk That Analog TV

In February of 2009, all full-power television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to 100% digital broadcasting. However, a new television with a digital tuner is not necessary. Other options are available to keep your analog TV:

- **Purchase a TV convertor box.** A convertor box plugs into your TV and can be purchased at many national retailers. The federal government is offering \$40 coupons towards the purchase of eligible convertors (www.dtv2009.org);
- **Connect to cable, satellite or other pay service.** Be sure to check with the service provider to find out how they will support your analog TV.

To learn more about the digital TV transition and how to connect a convertor box, attend a free workshop hosted by the City of Palo Alto. The workshops are open to everyone and are held on the second Wednesday of each month from now through December at the Community Media Center at 900 San Antonio Road. Call 650-494-8686 ext. 10 to reserve a seat.

If you purchase a television with a new digital tuner, consider donating old sets in good condition to a non-profit like Goodwill or Salvation Army. To recycle old sets, residents can take them to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale, 301 Carl Road (see map on back page) or Foothill Disposal will pick them up for a small fee (call 650-967-3034 for information).

Waste-Free Lunch for Back to School

A waste-free lunch is designed to REDUCE the waste at lunchtime through REUSE of containers and RECYCLING. It's easy to do and a fun project for kids and parents to work on together.

Tips for a Waste-Free Lunch

- Pack lunch in reusable containers with lids and place in lunchbox or sack (if you use paper, be sure to take it home to reuse for the next day's lunch).
- Clean margarine tubs, cottage cheese containers and water bottles make great reusable containers for sandwiches, salads, snacks and cold beverages. Use a thermos for hot drinks or soups.
- Include items that come with their own natural packaging (banana, apple, hard-boiled egg). Place peels and cores in your class or school worm-bin (ask your child if they have one) or bring home for backyard composting.
- Buy food in bulk, such as dried fruit and nuts. Avoid single-serving use foods such as pudding cups, pre-packaged lunches, and snack bags to reduce unnecessary waste.
- Wrap a reusable fork and/or spoon in a cloth napkin.
- Label all containers to make sure they return home.
- Decorate cloth napkins with fabric paint and include your child's name in case it gets left behind.
- Invite children to help plan, prepare and pack their own lunches.

FAQ

Q. Why do we use recycling carts if our garbage is sorted at the SMaRT Station?

A. Because keeping recycling separate from garbage is the best method to get the highest quality recycled materials. We earn a higher market price for separated recyclables than those recovered from garbage because they are cleaner. Garbage is sorted only to recover recyclables inadvertently thrown away and to maximize our diversion. Your recycling efforts are primarily responsible for our 72% diversion rate.

Q. Is it true that plastic bottles with caps are discarded by recycling workers?

A. No. In Mountain View, you may recycle empty plastic bottles and tubs marked #1 through #7 with caps and lids in place even though we prefer the lids be removed. Most caps and lids are not wanted by manufacturers because they cause problems in the recycling process. To keep your recycling cart clean, you may keep lids in place on empty syrup or salad oil bottles.

New Sharps Disposal Law

Beginning September 1, 2008, sharps (disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and other medical devices used for self-injection or blood tests) will be prohibited from residential trash and recycling containers (Senate Bill 1305). Sanitation workers, adults, children and even pets are at risk of needle-stick injuries when sharps are disposed of improperly. To safely dispose of sharps, place them in a biohazard sharps container (visit www.hhw.org for a list of area stores that sell containers) and do one of the following:

- Contact your pharmacist, clinic administrator, or personal physician about a "take-back" program (visit www.hhw.org for a list of current drop off locations).



Needles, syringes
or lancets



Biohazard sharps
container



Drop off location

- Request a pre-addressed, prepaid mail-back box if you purchase on-line.
- Contact the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program, which accepts home-generated sharps, over-the-counter pharmaceuticals and other household hazardous waste by appointment only (visit www.hhw.org or call 408-299-7300).
- Drop off sharps in the red bin at the SMaRT® Station. This free service is available for residents seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (see page 4 for map).

COLLECTION INFORMATION

How to Recycle at Home

Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of cart. Foothill will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of the curb.

Cardboard

Cut large cardboard into pieces about 3’x3’ and place on top of curb.



Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

Extra garbage



Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid stores, the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 6 a.m. on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

ACCEPTED		NOT ACCEPTED	
<p>Paper</p> <p>All paper should be clean and without food residue.</p> <p>Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper)</p> <p>Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners)</p> <p>Computer and plain fax paper</p> <p>Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted)</p> <p>Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Egg cartons (paper only)</p> <p>Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards</p> <p>Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)</p> <p>Manila file folders</p> <p>Newspaper and inserts</p> <p>Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs</p> <p>Paper bags</p> <p>Paperback books</p> <p>Post-it notes</p> <p>Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Shredded paper (no plastic bag)</p> <p>Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)</p>	<p>Metal Cans</p> <p>Aluminum cans</p> <p>Bimetal cans (cat food cans)</p> <p>Metal food cans and lids</p> <p>Steel and tin cans</p> 	<p>Paper</p> <p>Any paper that has touched food.</p> <p>Beverage cups, coffee cups</p> <p>Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay)</p> <p>Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers</p> <p>Egg cartons (polystyrene foam)</p> <p>Foil gift wrap</p> <p>Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags</p> <p>Frozen food boxes</p> <p>Hardback books</p> <p>Ice cream cartons</p> <p>Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags</p> <p>Paper covered with paint or pet waste</p> <p>Pizza boxes</p> <p>Plastic-coated papers (photographs)</p> <p>Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders</p> <p>Tissues, paper towels, paper plates</p> <p>Waxed (dark brown) cardboard</p>	<p>Plastic Bottles and Tubs</p> <p>Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons</p> <p>Beverage cups, plates, utensils and straws</p> <p>Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps</p> <p>Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails</p> <p>Clamshells (deli, fast-food)*</p> <p>Computer disks or “jewel” boxes for disks</p> <p>Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays</p> <p>Foam packaging, blocks or “peanuts” (Styrofoam)</p> <p>Garden hoses or plastic toys</p> <p>Lids and caps</p> <p>Medical waste (saline bags, needles/ syringes)</p> <p>Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies</p> <p>Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks</p> <p>Styrofoam</p> <p>Toothpaste and ointment tubes</p> 
<p>Glass Bottles and Jars</p> <p>Beverage bottles</p> <p>Canning jars</p> <p>Jam and peanut butter jars</p> <p>Olive oil and vinegar bottles</p> <p>Soup and spaghetti jars</p> <p>Wine bottles (no corks/wrappers)</p>	<p>Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7</p> <p>Baby wipe tubs</p> <p>Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)*</p> <p>Catsup bottles</p> <p>Cottage cheese tubs</p> <p>Detergent bottles</p> <p>Margarine tubs</p> <p>Milk jugs</p> <p>Peanut butter jars</p> <p>Prescription bottles</p> <p>Shampoo bottles</p> <p>Syrup bottles</p> <p>Water, soda and juice bottles</p> <p>Yogurt tubs</p>	<p>Metal Cans</p> <p>Aerosol can (empty or full)</p> <p>Construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts</p> <p>Pots, pans and appliances</p>	<p>Glass Bottles and Jars</p> <p>Ceramic coffee cups or dishes</p> <p>Drinking glasses</p> <p>Fluorescent tubes or any light bulb</p> <p>Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass</p>

THIS LIST MAY ALSO BE USED FOR APARTMENT AND BUSINESS RECYCLING. CHECK CONTAINER LABEL TO SORT RECYCLABLES.

2008 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*).
 - 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B).
- Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 8 (Week A).

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034** for schedules.



Color = Week A
Grey = Week B

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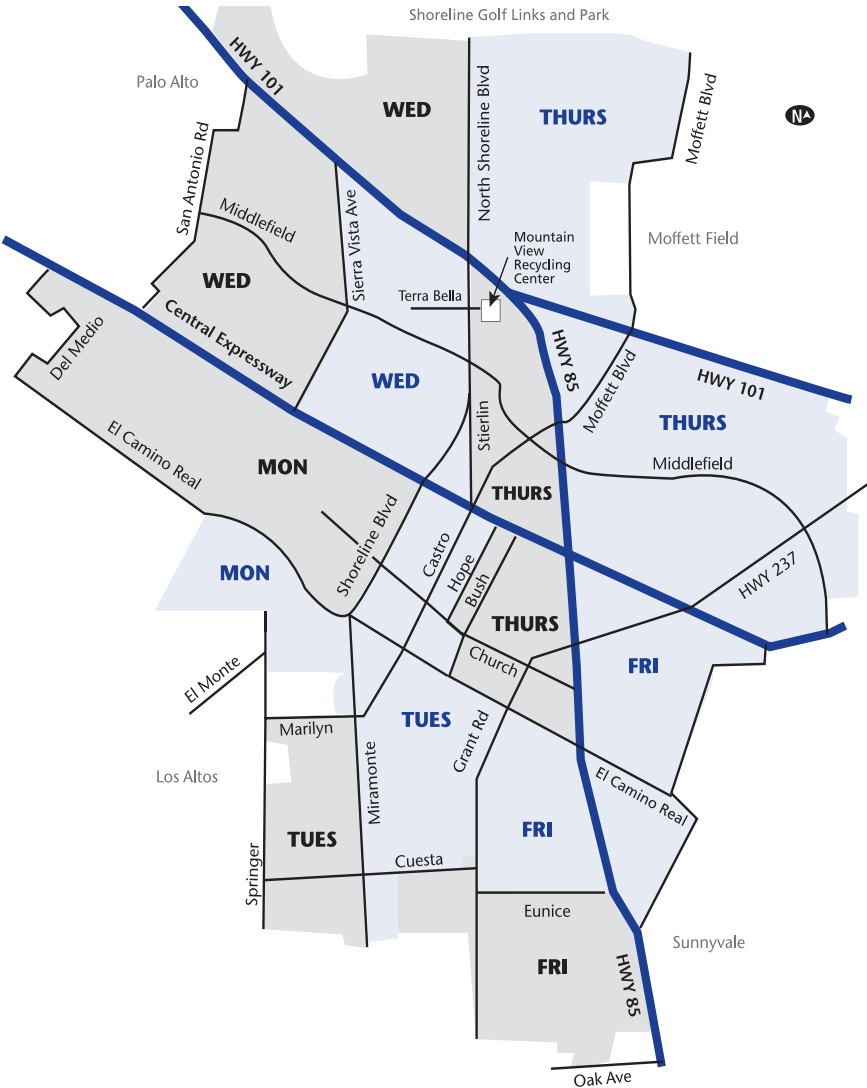
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Holidays

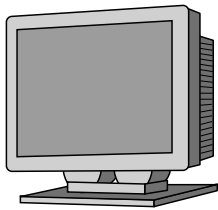
Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 27), Christmas (December 25) and New Year’s Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday Collection on Saturday.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**. Ap-
pointments may be scheduled any time before December 24, 2008 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8’L x 4’W x 4’H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Ap-
pointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments accepted December 24, 2008 through January 23, 2009.

*Find your collection day online: www.mvrecycle.org and click on collection schedule.

Household Hazardous Waste Services



Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Foothill also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Foothill Disposal (650-967-3034)

Curbside Collection
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)

301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4)
(fee/no fee)

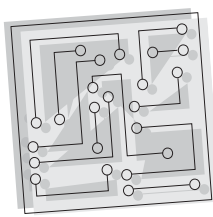
- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (fee)
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Facility (408-299-7300)

By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Thermometers and thermostats.

¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (**650-967-3034**).
² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.



Recycling Directory

Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

Fluorescent lamps (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

- Lamps and batteries**
Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871
(Leave with employee at register)
- Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000
(Leave at customer service desk)

- Lamps only**
New Era Lighting
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

- Batteries only**
Wolfe Camera
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

Services

Utility and garbage billing information including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Department
650-903-6317

Garbage and recycling collection including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services. Foothill Disposal Company
650-967-3034

Household batteries can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers (above). Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

Household hazardous waste can be taken for free disposal by appointment. County Toxics Hotline
408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

Home composting information including free local workshops, compost bins and brochures. County Compost Hotline
408-918-4640
www.ReduceWaste.org

Pollution prevention information including best methods to reduce pollution. City Environmental Safety Staff
650-903-6378

Recycling Leaders Program
City Public Works Department
650-903-6311

Water conservation information including methods, technology, and product rebates. City Water Conservation Staff
650-903-6216

Visit the City of Mountain View's web site for business or residential recycling information: www.mvrecycle.org

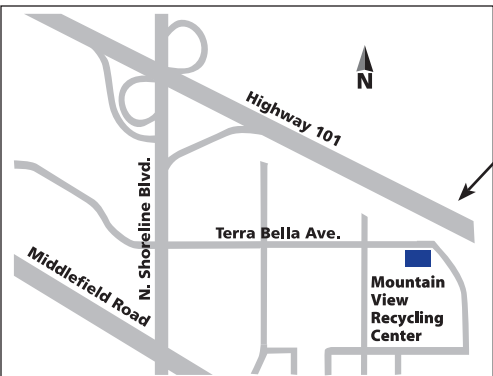


We welcome your comments and suggestions. Call 650-903-6311.

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Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

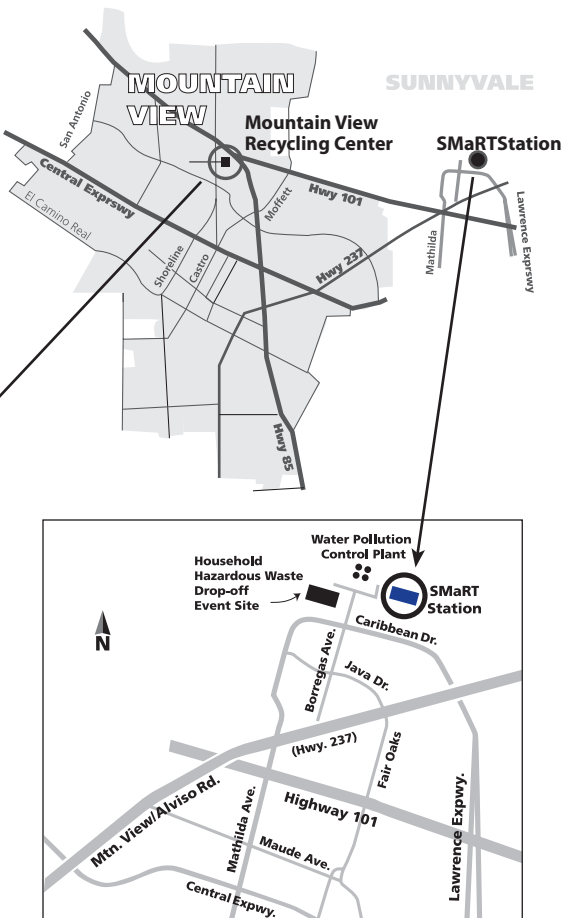
Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday**

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

Questions? Call SMaRT at 408-752-8530. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR 2008

September	
20	California Coastal Cleanup Day www.cleanacreek.org
20	Compost Workshop
20	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
28	Green Home Tour www.builditgreen.org
October	
18	Compost Workshop (last workshop for 2008)
18	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
November	
15	America Recycles Day www.americarecyclesday.org
15	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
December	
Dec 26 - Jan 23 Holiday Tree Collection	
Dec 26 - Jan 7 Extra Holiday Recycling on your regular pick up day	

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off
To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at 408-299-7300. Visit www.hhw.org for more information.

Compost Workshop
To register and request a compost bin, call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at 408-918-4640 or register online at www.reducewaste.org.